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Serial No.: 09/977,933) Group Art Unit: 2822
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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME))))

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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 2 2313-1450

Dear Sir:

After receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated May 5, 2004, for the above-captioned patent application but before payment of the Issue Fee (which accompanies this submission), the Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 312(a) for purposes of amending the specification, as indicated below.